

Minutes - Board meeting, February 28, 2022

Katherine Anne Porter School Board of Trustees

Board members present: Paul Michels, Jordan Elliott, Patrick Hall, Cynthia Man, Jazzlyn Derrick, Jennifer Bravo, Julie Gifford, Amy Majors, Gary Harlow, Laura Ewing, Melissa Maxwell-Ball (zoom)

Next Meeting– Monday, March 7 at 5:30pm, on-site and Zoom

Called to order at 5:32 pm

1. STATEMENT ON TEXAS ANTI-TRANS LEGISLATION – EQUALITY TEXAS

- a. Guest speaker: Ricardo Martinez from Equality Texas
- b. Communicated about the Release by attorney general and mandate proposed by the Governor regarding transgender students
- c. Shared do not have to comply with the governors demands, this is not law
- d. Transgenders are our neighbors, siblings, parents and contribute to the Texas story
- e. Regardless of race, gender or class every kid deserves a safe place
- f. Glisen-website resource
- g. Took questions from public/audience
- h. Qualitytexas.org click get involved to events and find out how to support/navigate

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Items:

1. Motion to approve agenda by CM, JB and GH seconds, all approved
2. Motion by JE to make official statement official statement regarding transgender community, after board discussion, PH motions to finalize statement.

Final Statement: The Katherine Anne Porter School is committed to fostering an educational environment that is safe, welcoming, and free from stigma and discrimination for all students regardless of gender identity and expression.

JB, CH seconds, all approved. Motion passes for statement to broadcast on website and social media sites.

- a. Jazzy, Cynthia, Patrick, Jordan will work on longer statement, if needed

SCHOOL REPORTS

- PTSO – Alisha Berber, PTSO President
 1. Volunteer opportunities: parking lot for market days this weekend
 2. Backyard beautification project: repair greenhouse, setting up games area on Sunday March 6, 12, 13, 26
 3. Prom is April 2 at Gemstone Palace in Kyle

- Staff Ombudsman/Liaison – TBD

1. JE & PM report, board does not have that set up yet but it is recommendation
 - a. Envision an active liaison, school employees would give staff briefs at board meetings. This recommendation will be Introduced to staff on March 7 at 3:30.

FINANCE REPORT

- Special State and Federal Programs
 1. Since last meeting, KAPS has been looking for federal grant money, instead of local and state money
 2. KAPS reports they are taking all the right actions to make the decisions
 3. Continue to meet with finance committee, spoke of reallocation of resources
- Fiscal Health and Compliance
 4. Operation shortfall budget
 - a. Budget amendment needs to be on the agenda for next board meeting
 - b. Budget report for Jan dropped back down to the lowest been all year
 5. Enrollment is 64 students with 84% attendance
- Fundraising, No updated information of fundraising from finance report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Governance - Board Chair Jazzlyn Derrick, Public Chair Alisha Berber

Jazzy provided general updates: top priority to evaluate/update bylaws, mandatory board training, new supt evaluation, issue to ask at the other committees to look at the bi-laws to incorporate any changes by the March 28 meeting

Recommendations:

- a. Motion to Rescind the vote in April of transfer of the 501C3 with responsive ed: Recommendation will be added to the next board meeting agenda
- b. Recommendation that student handbook and staff handbook be approved by the board
- c. Conduct a new supt evaluation and administer eval. Survey to parents/students

2. Finance- Board Chair Paul Michels, Public Chair Matthew Rajcok

Paul provided general updates: Committee has held 2 meetings to date, Operating purpose: near term and long term financial/business office of KAPS, to create a Viable model for the school to move forward, a path of sustainability

3. Communications - Board Chair Patrick Hall, Public Chair Chuck Pennington

Patrick provided the brief.

Recommendations:

- a. Organizing to differentiate goals and intentions
- b. Subcommittees:
 - i. Video production: intent to interview students, staff, alum, etc to tell the story of kaps
 - ii. News letter: broadcast news/happenings to community
 - iii. Social media
 - iv. Website

4. Development - Board Chair Melissa Ball, Public Chair Erin Watson

Erin provided a briefing and provided board members with pledge letter to share with community

Recommendations:

- a. Market Days Sign up, plants sale \$5-40, regained access to KAPS booth at market days
- b. Arts Fest, fundraising committee will have a booth set up
- c. Hope to plan smaller events
- d. Recommendation to move grant writing to its own committee
- e. Launch of Tiered levels of donations for businesses

5. Academic Excellence - Board Chair Amy Majors, Public Chair Nina Ramos

Amy Provided the briefing.

Recommendations:

- a. April 28th 6-8 Open House with Chili cook-off with cupcake wars
- b. August 6th - Open house
- c. Improving campus culture: school themed dress up days after STAAR testing
- d. Subcommittees: Academic & Campus Culture
- e. Tutor updates, grant updated to offer after school tutors
- f. Informed by Dr. Bonds of grant to get counselor on campus, Counselor will be here for 2 hours per day, need to hire

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 1. Food service audit: 19 findings 4 years ago, 3 findings this audit
- 2. Food audit is complete

3. Update that KAPS has 1.89 million in grants, trying to work on utilizing the grant money
4. TEA: mandates from governor, Dr. Bonds states we do have to understand there a lawful things we have to consider and we will do what is best for our staff and students we serve

CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Section(s)

Started at 8:09 PM

Sec. 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Sec. 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTER

Sec. 551.082. SCHOOL CHILDREN; SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES; DISCIPLINARY MATTER
OR COMPLAINT

Sec. 551.0821. SCHOOL BOARD: PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC
SCHOOL STUDENT

Closed session Ended at 9:02 PM

Motion to adjourn at 9:03 PM, meeting adjourned.